



**Historical Record
of the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol
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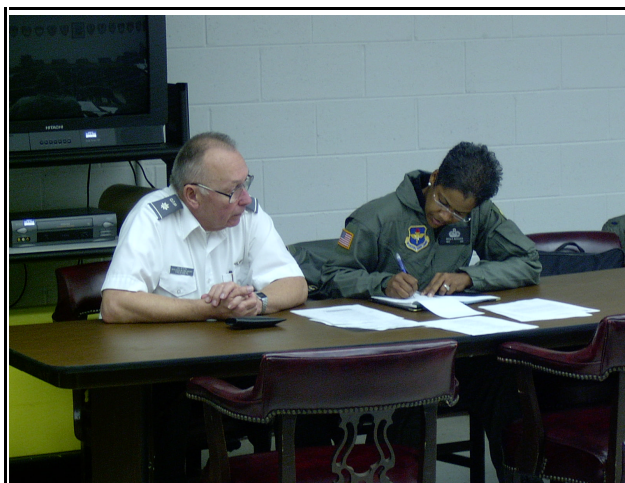
January 2006

7 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV. This was the first meeting under the new command staff. Lt Col Rodney A. Moore is Wing Commander, Lt Eugene Thorn is Wing Vice Commander and Lt Col Dennis Barron is Chief of Staff. The meeting also recognized our new Wing Administrator, Kenneth “Lucky” Ray.

19 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

February 2006

4 MER/USAF Staff Assistance Visit – Wing HQ

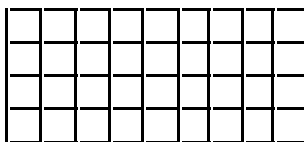


MER/USAF Staff Assistance Visit – Wing HQ

16 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

20 West Virginia Wing held its annual Cadet Competition on February 20, 2006. The Charleston Cadet Squadron placed first overall. They will now move on to regional competition on 31 March 2006 at Fort Pickett, Virginia. Good luck team!

Also, outstanding performances were turned in by Joel Ridgeway and Joleen Dawson, both from Clarksburg Composite Squadron, on their mile run – each received this year’s Fleet Foot Award. Academically, James Lawson of Charleston posted an impressive 92% on the written exam bringing him the trophy for high score written exam.





West Virginia Wing Cadet Competition 2006

25 The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol conducts aircrew training of the new Garman G1000 glass cockpit. Here Capt Dennis Moore of Clarksburg Composite Squadron gives instruction on the new features.



Capt Dennis Moore

March 2006

3 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

18 SAREX held in Petersburg, WV. A total of 53 members turned out from Clarksburg, Martinsburg, Charleston Cadet, Morgantown Squadrons and from Wing Staff. The number of cadets who participated and endured two very cold and windy needs was especially notable. And of course, without the dedicated seniors who also endured the cold, this training would not have been possible.

Over the two days, 13 air sorties were flown focusing primarily on Mission Observer training. Ground sorties were run up into the Dolly Sods wilderness. Several cadets assisted with Mission Base communications duties, and the remaining cadets also did a challenging compass course conducted by Bart Rogers. The cadets practiced other skills necessary to be a Ground Team Member. And, most importantly it was done SAFELY!



Regional SAREX Grant County Airport – Petersburg, WV

20 Capt Jeffery Schrock, Wing Director of Public Affairs speaks to members of Elkins Rotary Club in Elkins, WV

23 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

25-26 Wing Curry Camp – Mine Academy, Beckley WV

April 2006

1 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

8 Public Affairs Roundtable is held at Clarksburg Composite Squadron.



Attendees of the Public Affairs Roundtable – Clarksburg HQ

22 Morgantown Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Aviation Explorer Post 747 held an Aviation and Technology Fair on April 22-23 at Morgantown's Hart Field in Morgantown, West Virginia.

The event was dedicated to the discovery and fulfillment of an individual's potential through opportunities and challenges inspired by the dream of personal flight and technology. The 'Fair' started on Saturday, April 22 with a fly in breakfast, with exhibits and pre-registered activities continuing throughout Saturday night until the end of the 'Fair' on Sunday, April 23.

28 Middle East Region Commander Col Kay Joslin Walling presents the Middle East Region Unit Public Affairs Officer of the Year Award to Martinsburg Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer Lt Russell Voelker, joining them is West Virginia Wing Commander Col Rodney A Moore. Wing Chief of Staff Lt Col Dennis Barron also attended.



MER Region Conference – Richmond Va

30 An aircraft and its pilot missing since Tuesday was located on Sunday, April 30 under heavy foliage on a wooded mountain slope outside Mercersburg, Pa. The pilot didn't survive the crash.

The missing Cessna 172 and pilot David K. Weiss, 72, of Bethesda, Md. was located at approximately 12:40 p.m. Information developed Saturday night allowed mission planners to design a search area focused on all faces of the "punch bowl" mountain formation in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The body was found in the wreckage and was identified by his sons, Steve and Mark Weiss. The pair contacted the nearest Civil Air Patrol ground team by radio and provided GPS coordinates of their location. Ground Team Alpha, led by Capt. Debbie Boggs of the West Virginia Wing was approximately 1 ½ miles away at the top of Two-Top Mountain, and was descending the mountain in their search of the western slopes at the time of the report.

Alpha team arrived at the scene at approximately 1:15 p.m. Steve and Mark Weiss spoke with team members and then returned home. Lt. George Gragan, of Parkersburg Composite Squadron, and Ground Team Leader Boggs confirmed the tail number and location of the victim, reported to mission base, and requested assistance from emergency medical services, the local coroner, and fire department.

Assets in the air confirmed that the crash site was completely hidden by the thick foliage and was not visible by the air. Ground Team Bravo, with Ground Team Leader Lt. Thomas Plass of Beckley Composite Squadron, arrived on site to assist with crash site security.

Members taped off a perimeter around the entire crash site encompassing all visible debris. The crash site was near the top of a mountain ridge about one-half mile north of the Mason-Dixon Line. Debris was spread out over an area of approximately 250 feet long and 100 feet wide.

A staging area was then set up, site control implemented to limit access to the site, and to identify every individual who entered the controlled area. West Virginia Wing was well represented in the mission during the week and on the weekend. There were ground teams from Beckley, Charleston Cadet, Clarksburg, Martinsburg, Morgantown, and Parkersburg. Aircrews consisted from Clarksburg, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Wheeling, and some members of Wing Staff.

Alpha team consisted of Ground Team Leader, Capt. Debbie Boggs, Charleston Cadet Squadron; Ground Team Members from the Charleston Cadet Squadron, Cadet Roger Pettit, Cadet Courtney Ropp, and Cadet Andrew Eads; from the Parkersburg Composite Squadron, Lt. George Gragan, Cadet Patrick Gragan, Cadet Austin Ross, Cadet Justin Ross, and Cadet Tyler Lewis.

Bravo team consisted of Ground Team Leader, 1 Lt. Thomas Plass of the Beckley Composite Squadron and Ground Team Members from North Carolina Wing, Capt Craig Richardson, 1st Robert Mason, 2nd Lt JoAnn Mason and 1st Lt George Mason; from Beckley Composite Squadron, 2nd Lt James Lewis and Cadet Lendon Childress.



Major Bart Rogers and 1st Lt Lynn Hoffman of Martinsburg Composite Squadron give a briefing to Pennsylvania cadets before heading out on a ground team mission.

May 2006

6 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV. At the staff meeting, Mid Valley Squadron Commander Capt Bill Motsinger presents West Virginia Wing Commander Col Rodney A Moore a check for \$500, a grant from Verizon Foundation in the name of Verizon employee and CAP member, Lt Gary Holstein of Mid Valley Squadron. Wing Commander Col Rodney Moore presents Parkersburg Squadron Commander Lt Col Ronnie Harmon with a certificate recognizing his leadership in the squadron's growth.



12-14 Second Cadet Leadership Course is held by West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol. The event is held at the U.S Mine Academy in Beckley, W.Va.



Graduates of Cadet Leadership School

19-21 The West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol conducted a search and rescue exercise observed by members of the Middle East Region Civil Air Patrol, and Middle East Region Liaison Office at the Harrison Marion Regional Airport located at Clarksburg, W.Va. on May 20.

Approximately 95 personnel from the 13 Squadrons in the West Virginia Wing participated. Aircrews and ground teams performed prescribed search patterns, DF searches and air/ground communication exercises in accordance with standard operating procedures of the WV Wing, and in conjunction with the WV Wing Annual Training Plan. Additionally SDIS, Homeland Security, and Counter Drug scenarios also were assigned.



Operational Training Exercise Briefing May 20, 2006



Operational Training Exercise – Major Bart Rogers & Lt Richard Judy

June 2006

3 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

3-4 The West Virginia Wing Civil Patrol holds its second annual Curry Camp on June 2-4 at the Clarksburg Composite Headquarters located at the Harrison Marion Regional Airport at Clarksburg, W.Va.

A weekend activity for new CAP cadets that reinforces what has been taught during previous CAP cadet activities, and gathers them into a group activity, and develops a fellowship between cadets from across the state. It also acts as an excellent preparation for summer encampment. Curry Camp is open to any cadet with the objective of earning the Curry Achievement Award, but is open to any cadet up to the Wright Brothers Award. The course consists of leadership modules, physical training, drill and ceremonies, customs and courtesies, moral leadership and much more.

16-18 The West Virginia Wing holds its second annual SAR competition at Grant County Airport in Petersburg, W.Va.

21 SDIS Training is held at Clarksburg Composite Squadron HQ. For the first time, an aircrew from the West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol used the Gippsland GA8 Airvan to conduct training using the Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS).



SDIS Training

24 Wing Commander's Call is held at Beckley Composite Squadron HQ

July 2006

1 West Virginia Wing Civil Air Patrol provides assistance to the Elkins Randolph County Chamber of Commerce for its Independence Day Celebration. The Wing had a color guard from the Charleston Cadet Squadron post the colors. A PR display was also set up.



Elkins Independence Day Celebration July 1, 2006

8-15 West Virginia Wing completed another highly successful summer encampment program for our cadets. Ninety-One cadets, with 10 senior officers assisting, successfully completed the 2006 Cadet Encampment which was held July 8-15, at the state's training facility for the National Guard at Camp Dawson, W.Va.



Wing Cadet Summer Encampment 2006

23-30 Cadets and Senior Officers attend the annual fly-in held by the Experimental Aircraft's Association in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

August 2006

3 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

15 One senior and eight cadets from the Martinsburg Composite Squadron, and two recruiters from the 167th Airlift Wing pose in front of the Tomb of the Unknowns during a tour of Arlington Cemetery in Washington, DC. Before arriving at the cemetery the group toured Andrews Air Force Base, MD which was highlighted by a tour of the DC Air National Guard F-16 Fighter Maintenance Facility.



19 Cadets with the Clarksburg Composite Squadron provide honor guard near the casket for Clarksburg Squadron member Lt Col Claude “Gordy” Hess. Hess had passed away due to a long illness. Burial was held at the WV National Cemetery in Pruntytown, WV.

The Martinsburg Composite Squadron sponsored an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Martinsburg/Eastern WV Regional Airport Terminal. The goal was 25 units. The drive resulted in eleven productive, five deferred, and six first time donors.



September 2006

9 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV. Also held this day is an open house for the WV Air National Guard's 130th Wing. CAP provided an information display and traffic assistance.

15-17 Joint SAREX with NATCAP Wing was held at Petersburg, WV



October 2006

2 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

21 WV Wing Annual Conference & Banquet – Charleston, WV

November 2006

4 Wing Staff Meeting – Wing HQ Charleston, WV

December 2006

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